Section 25.

Mr. Kunhiraman Nair.—I beg to propose that the words "on the date this Regulation comes into force" be inserted between "who" and "own" in line 1, the words "on the said date" between "owning" and "a" in line 3 and the words "within three months from such date" between "shall" and "make" in line 7. The section refers to printing-presses and newspapers in existence on the date this Regulation comes into force, and it is necessary to fix a period within which the declarations in respect of them should be made under this Regulation. This is the more necessary as the section provides a penal clause for cases of failure to make the declarations. A period of three months would, I think, be sufficient.

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila.

Carried.

At this stage, Mr. Padmanabha Menon requested the permission of the President to bring forward an amendment in section 9 of the Bill which prohibits the transmission by Unjel of indecent, obscene or scurrilous newspapers and books. He said that he got the agenda paper only the Saturday previous and had therefore no time to give intimation of his motion. The President drew his attention to section 7 of the Rules under which a Member is entitled to only three days' notice of the business to be transacted at each meeting and observed that, as the papers relating to the Bills before the Council had been furnished to him immediately on his appointment several months ago, he had ample time to give notice of any amendments he may have thought it necessary to introduce and that it would be unfair to the other Members that a motion affecting the principle of the section should be brought forward after the whole discussion on the Bill was practically over and the Council was about to proceed to the next business on the agenda.

The motion was therefore disallowed.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to move that the Bill as now amended be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS BILL.

Mr.—K. Krishnan Pantala B. A. & B. L., High Court Vakil, having requested the Council for permission to be heard on behalf of Sankaran Atchutan Bhattathiri and others, Ooralmakars of certain Devaswoms in North Travancore, who had submitted a petition to the Council in reference to the Bill as amended by the Select Committee, the permission prayed for was granted. Mr. Krishnan Pantala addressed the Council at some length in support of the petition (copies of which had been already circulated among the members in due course) and argued the several points raised in the petition. At the close of his address, the Council promised to consider the points urged in the petition, and he withdrew.

As it was now 5–40. P. M. and there were several points to be considered in this Bill, the Council resolved to defer the consideration of the Bill to the next meeting.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill. The Report has not been signed by one of the members of the Select Committee, Mr. Dharmaraja Iyer, but he has empowered me to say that he agrees to the amendments made by the Committee. I beg to move that the Report and the amended Bill be published in the Gazette and the consideration of the Bill taken up at the next meeting.

The motion was put and agreed to.

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